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ESTABLISH A CORRELATION TO CASE 1436. (REF 7)

7 May 1996

FROM 09 THROUGH 29 MAR 96, DURING JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY (JFA) 96-3L, RECOVERY ELEMENT ONE (RE1) EXCAVATED A CRASH SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1436. RE1 EXCAVATED A TOTAL OF 1936 SQUARE METERS WITHIN THE PROJECT AREA. THE EXCAVATION YIELDED FRAGMENTARY PROBABLE HUMAN REMAINS, CONSISTING OF NUMEROUS SMALL PIECES OF BURNT BONE AND SEVERAL NEARLY COMPLETE AND FRAGMENTARY TEETH. NO PERSONAL EFFECTS WERE RECOVERED. ALSO RECOVERED WERE SEVERAL LIFE SUPPORT ITEMS, INCLUDING FRAGMENTS OF NAVY/MARINE FLIGHT SUIT MATERIAL, PIECES OF PARACHUTE HARDWARE, FRAGMENTS OF FLIGHT HELMET, AND SEVERAL ZIPPER PULL TABS. ONE PIECE OF WRECKAGE WAS RECOVERED THAT IS EXCLUSIVE TO AN O1 AIRCRAFT. (REF 10)

=== ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ===

26 April 1993

FOUR PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE CENTRAL ARMY MUSEUM CORRELATE TO REFNO 1436. ACCESSION RECORD 871 (ROLL 219/FRAMES 31-34). CORRELATION IS BASED ON ACFT TYPE, LOCATION OF LOSS AND DATE OF REFNO 1436. (REF 4)

9 August 1994

PAGE 30 LINE 42 OF "GROUP 559 RECORD OF AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN" POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH THE REFNO 1436 (BILLIPP & NAME) INCIDENT, AN UNRESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON INCIDENT DATE AND AIRCRAFT TYPE. (REF 8)

16 August 1994

FOUR PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE CENTRAL ARMY MUSEUM IN HANOI CORRELATE TO REFNO 1436. PHOTOS ARE OF A FLIGHT MAP (ROLL 475/FRAMES 5, 7) AND (ROLL 477/FRAMES 17, 19). CORRELATION WITH REFNO 1436 IS BASED SOLELY ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THE PHOTO RECEIPT. (REF 9)

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JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 8 AUGUST 1996

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1449-0-01 (ACCNO 5598) Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: MONTEZ, ANASTACIO (NMN) Date Status assigned: 8 Jul 1969

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	E7	Hair	BLACK	Complexion	#
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	#
Serial No	56125528	Height	70 in / 1.78 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	24 Nov 1929	Weight	180 lb / 81.5 kg	Duty pos	CO
Home State	TEXAS	Religion	CATHOLIC	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION.(0)

Site Type: GROUND SITE
UTM: 48PYB897102
Lat/Long: 143302N / 1074119E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 2
Mission Province: KON TUM
(formerly): KONTUM
Mission District: SA THAY
Mission Date: 24 May 1969
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Investigations: Jan 94, Mar 96
Surveys: Jan 94
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: GROUND SITE

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type:	GRND	Serial:	\$
Crash Type:	None	Engine Type:	
Call Sign:	\$	1 Serial:	
Year:	\$	2 Serial:	

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

= Item has been researched but data cannot be obtained.
\$ = Item is not applicable to this case.
@ or Blank = Data for item is unknown or not available.

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

5 December 1975

ON 24 MAY 1969 SFC ANASTACIO (NMN) MONTEZ WAS COMMANDING A COMPANY OF CIVILIAN IRREGULAR DEFENSE GROUP TROOPS WHEN HIS UNIT ENGAGED A NUMERICALLY SUPERIOR ENEMY FORCE IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THE AMERICAN TRIED TO DEFEND A SMALL HILL, AND DURING THIS TIME SFC MONTEZ WAS BADLY WOUNDED AND LATER DIED. AS THE ENEMY PRESSED THE ATTACK, THE SURVIVORS HAD TO ABANDON THE POSITION, LEAVING SFC MONTEZ'S BODY BEHIND IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YB 897 102. A RECOVERY TEAM WAS UNABLE TO GET INTO THE AREA OF LOSS. (REF 1 & 2)

15 December 1975

A REFUGEE REPORTED IN JUNE 1971 THE BURIAL OF AN AMERICAN ADVISOR IN THE VICINITY OF FIREBASE 5. THIS REPORT POTENTIALLY CORRELATES TO ANASTACIO MONTEZ. (REF 3)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THE TWO-PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION WAS GIVEN DETAILS OF THIS CASE. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. SFC MONTEZ IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ===

30 July 1996

ON 25 MAR 96, A U.S./SRV TEAM INVESTIGATED A GROUND LOSS OF ONE INDIVIDUAL IN KON TUM PROVINCE, VIETNAM. JTF-FA ANALYSIS INDICATES THE ITEMS RECOVERED CANNOT BE CORRELATED TO A SPECIFIC CASE. (REF 6)

=== REFERENCES ===

15 December 1975

REFERENCES: <1> CG USARV 271258Z MAY 69. <2> LTR, HQ, CO B, 5TH SFGA, 1ST SF, 07 AUG 69. <3> REFCON P79-010. <4> CDR JTF-FA DET ONE BKK TH 010723Z FEB 94. <5> CDR JTF-FA 171945Z MAY 96. <6> CDR JTF-FA 300722Z JUL 96.

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=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

14 February 1994

ON 12 JAN 94, IE3 TRAVELED TO RO COI VILLAGE, SA THAY DISTRICT, KONTUM PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1449. THE VNOSMP REPORTED THAT NO WITNESSES COULD BE LOCATED BECAUSE THE AREA WAS UNINHABITED DURING THE WAR AND REMAINS UNINHABITED TODAY. IE3 SURVEYED THE INCIDENT LOCATION, AND FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS, OR A BURIAL SITE. (REF 4)

29 May 1996

ON 25 MAR 96, DURING THE 40TH JFA, IE2 INVESTIGATED THE CASE IN DIEN BINH VILLAGE AND DAK TO VILLAGE (FORMERLY KNOWN AS KON HOJAO VILLAGE), DAK TO DISTRICT, KON TUM PROVINCE AND INTERVIEWED FIVE WITNESSES, MR. PHAN KY, MR. NGUYEN GIAM, MR. PHAM EM, MR. BUI VAN CHUM, AND MR. VO BI. ALLEGEDLY, MR. KY KNEW OF THE DEATH OF TWO U.S. SOLDIERS AT FIRE BASE FIVE IN SEPARATE INCIDENTS. ONE BODY WAS ALLEGEDLY BURIED IN THE DAK TO AREA. MR. KY DID NOT KNOW THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE OTHER BODY. MR. GIAM AND MR. EM KNEW THE LOCATION OF FIRE BASE FIVE AND MR. EM FLEW WITH THE JOINT TEAM TO THE FIRE BASE IN THE VICINITY OF 48PYB 984 155. IE2 FOUND NUMEROUS ORDNANCE AND FIGHTING POSITIONS AS WELL AS PIECES OF PERSONAL EQUIPMENT. NONE OF THE MATERIAL EVIDENCE COULD BE CORRELATED TO A SPECIFIC CASE. IE2 FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF ANY SINGLE OR MASS GRAVES AT THE SITE. (REF 5)

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